

team's only African-American player. As she put it:

When I got the ball, I knew my job was to score. And more than likely, I would score.

Lucy averaged 25.9 points per game and 14.4 rebounds while she was at Delta State, where the women's game started to sell twice as many tickets as the men's. Her raw talent and leadership lifted the lady statesman to a record of 109 wins and 6 losses during her tenure—109 and 6. And to this day, she remains Delta State's alltime scoring leader with 2,981 point.

It should be no surprise that Lucy was recruited for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. There, she made history by scoring the first points ever in a women's Olympic basketball game and led Team USA to a silver medal.

If that wasn't enough, the following year, she was recruited by the New Orleans Jazz, a men's basketball team; but by then, she had married her high school sweetheart, George Stewart, and was pregnant with their first child. And so she turned down the chance to play for the New Orleans Jazz.

Instead, she returned to Delta State University, where she served as an assistant coach and earned a master's in education. She later became a high school teacher and girls' basketball coach at her alma mater in Greenwood. And in between, she spent 2 years coaching women's basketball at Texas Southern University in Houston.

Lucy Harris' name is forever written in the history books. In 1992, she became the first Black woman to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and was later ushered into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame.

She is survived by her children: Christopher, Eddie, Christina, and Crystal, all of whom have won college degrees and who carry on her memory.

If the WNBA had existed in the 1970s, I think we can safely assume Lucy Harris would have continued to dominate the court for many years. She did not get that chance. The WNBA would not come into existence until 1997.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTHIE BOLTON

Mr. President, I am proud to say that another daughter of Mississippi, Ruthie Bolton, followed in the footsteps of Lucy and carried the torch forward.

Ruthie Bolton was born 12 years after Lucy Harris, hailing from Green County, MS. She was the 16th of 20 children. Ruthie first dreamed of a career in basketball as a star player for McLain High School, where she led the team to a State championship.

Then she landed a scholarship at Auburn University, where she helped the Tigers to three Southeastern Conference titles and four NCAA tournament appearances.

Ruthie Bolton went on to play 15 seasons of professional ball in Europe, including the country of Turkey, and in the United States, where she played eight seasons for the Sacramento Monarchs.

She also helped Team USA win two gold medals at the Olympics in 1996 and 2000. Ruthie Bolton now stands shoulder to shoulder with Lucy Harris in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

My wife, Gayle, and I had the honor of meeting Ruthie Bolton a few days ago while touring her native Green County, MS. We each got to hold the two gold medals, and Ruthie and I were given the privilege of leading a local lunch crowd in a verse of "Amazing Grace."

As we celebrate Black History Month, I am immensely proud to honor these two outstanding Mississippi athletes.

In her Oscar-nominated film, Lucy Harris had this message to the next generation of young Americans. She said:

I especially want those young children to understand that if you work hard . . . anything is possible.

That was the optimistic attitude that made Lucy Harris such a success. Those were great words of advice to our future heroes, words proved true by people like Mississippians Lucy Harris and Ruthie Bolton.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### FURTHER ADDITIONAL EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING ACT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617, a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby

move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 267, H.R. 6617, a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Patrick J. Leahy, Gary C. Peters, Jacky Rosen, Amy Klobuchar, Tammy Duckworth, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Jeff Merkley, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Jon Tester, Jon Ossoff, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Alex Padilla.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call for the cloture motion filed today, February 15, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING STAFF SERGEANT JESSE SHERRILL

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I join today with people across New Hampshire to pay tribute to and honor the life of Staff Sergeant Jesse Sherrill of the New Hampshire State Police. Sergeant Sherrill dedicated 19 years to serving the people of the Granite State with the New Hampshire State Police, before he tragically lost his life while on duty on October 28, 2021.

Raised in Barrington, NH, Sergeant Sherrill began his career in law enforcement with the Hooksett Police Department in 2001. In December 2002, he was hired by the New Hampshire State Police, assigned to patrol in New Hampshire's North Country. He later worked with the Attorney General's Drug Task Force and was promoted to sergeant and then staff sergeant for Troop A, which serves Rockingham and Strafford Counties.

Sergeant Sherrill excelled in each of his roles and was known for his incredible work ethic. He was a mentor to his fellow troopers and was revered for his leadership and his commitment to the success of his peers.

Beyond his career, Sergeant Sherrill always put family first; his family was at the core of everything that he did. He was a loving and supportive husband to Nicole and an incredible father to Peyton and Quinn, transitioning from a pressure-packed day at work to a very present husband and father with surprising ease. Nicole's nickname for Jesse—"Superman"—reflected how much she, his family, and his colleagues respected and admired his ability to do so many things so well.

Sergeant Sherrill was a Granite State hero. He represented the very best of New Hampshire's law enforcement community, serving valiantly to